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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,550,471
AL PCT Application WO 01/09632
AM PCT Application WO 93/05706

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The German counterpart (German OS 43 37 908) to Reference AA was identified and discussed at page 2 of the present application, together with references AL and AM. Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

The German counterpart to Reference AA, and References AL and AM, also were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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